



THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
HELD ON June 16, 2010 IN ROOM 374-A
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

The meeting was called to order by President Janet A. Neal at 1:18 p.m.

Present: President Janet A. Neal; Commissioner John B. Troost; Commissioner Alexia Teran; Commissioner John R. James; Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused Absence: Commissioner Wan Chun Chang; Commissioner Michael G. Gureckas; Commissioner Harley D. Rubenstein; Commissioner Kecia B. Weller and Commissioner Wendy Welt

Members: **President** Janet A. Neal; **1st Vice President** John B. Troost; **2nd Vice President** Wan Chun Chang; **Treasurer** Alexia Teran; Commissioner Michael G. Gureckas; Commissioner John R. James; Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish; Commissioner Harley D. Rubenstein; Commissioner Kecia B. Weller; Commissioner Wendy Welt; Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of May 19, 2010.

On motion of Commissioner Troost, seconded by Commissioner Teran, (Commissioner Chang; Gureckas; Rubenstein; Weller and Welt being absent) the item was approved.

[\(Supporting Document\)](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Update report by the President.

President Neal reported that the KTYM Radio show has received good reviews regarding the captioning of the show. Commissioner James joined her today where he came to the aide and rescued a stray dog. No action was taken by the Commission.

3. Update report by staff on agenda/minutes format.

Martha Arana, Commission staff reported on the change in look as well as format with the Agenda and Minutes. She responded to questions posed by the Commission and noted that the Public Comment portion of the Agenda will now be addressed at the end of the agenda. Staff will inform the Commission of progress as they are made available.

After discussion, her verbal report was received by the Commission.

4. Election of Officers for 2010-2011 Term.

The Election of Officers for the 2010-2011 Term was received and tabled to give staff an opportunity to count the votes for the position of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer for the Commission.

After tabulation of votes, the results of officers for the 2010-2011 Term are as follows:

President – Janet A Neal
1st Vice President – John B. Troost
2nd Vice President – John R. James
Treasurer – Alexia Teran

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Teran, seconded by Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, unanimously carried (Commissioner Chang; Gureckas; Rubenstein; Weller and Welt being absent) the results of officers for the 2010-2011 term were approved.

5. Report by the Executive and Public Relations Committee for the month of June.

No reportable action was taken by the Commission.

6. Report by Events Committee on the Bill Tainter Scholarship and Approval of the 2010 Bill Tainter Scholarship as submitted by the Scholarship Committee.

Commissioner Neal and other members of the Scholarship Committee commented that next year's application process should include instructions specific on how the application should be submitted. It was apparent that several of the applicants were not the ones filling out the application.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Troost, (Commissioner Chang; Gureckas; Rubenstein; Weller and Welt being absent) the 5 District Awardees were approved as submitted by the Scholarship Committee.

[\(Supporting Documents\)](#)

7. Discussion and approval to purchase refreshments for the Bill Tainter Scholarship reception on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$250.

On motion of Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Troost, (Commissioner Chang; Gureckas; Rubenstein; Weller and Welt being absent) the item was approved.

8. Discussion and approval to purchase refreshments for the Installation Ceremony on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$300.

On motion of Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Teran, (Commissioner Chang; Gureckas; Rubenstein; Weller and Welt being absent) the item was approved.

9. Discussion and approval of the budget for the Annual Access Awards luncheon.

On motion of Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Teran, (Commissioner Chang; Gureckas; Rubenstein; Weller and Welt being absent) the item was approved.

[\(Supporting Documents\)](#)

10. Discussion and Approval to pay the costs for captioning the monthly Commission on Disabilities KTYM Radio Show in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.

Commissioner Wright requested clarification as to what the amount entailed. Commissioner Neal stated the amount was for the whole year and not as a monthly charge.

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Troost, (Commissioner Chang; Gureckas; Rubenstein; Weller and Welt being absent) the item was approved.

11. Community Service report and discussion for approval to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors on lack of service to people with disabilities at the Remote Area Medical (RAM/LA) event held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. (Continued from the meeting of May 19, 2010.)

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

During discussion, Commissioner Wright questioned if RAM/LA had specific plans in writing as to how they were going to accommodate persons with disabilities. Commissioner Wright suggested if we have information on the accommodations to include them within the letter.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Teran, (Commissioner Chang; Gureckas; Rubenstein; Weller and Welt being absent) the item was approved as amended.

12. Approval to support the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 20th Anniversary Celebration to be held July 26, 2010 at no cost to the Commission.

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Troost, seconded by Commissioner Teran, (Commissioner Chang; Gureckas; Rubenstein; Weller and Welt being absent) the item was approved.

13. Discussion and approval to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors on transportation complaints submitted by constituents. (Continued from the meeting of May 19, 2010.)

Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.

During discussion Commissioner Wright suggested staff collect, organize all submitted information for review by the Commission and table this for a future meeting.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Teran, (Commissioner Chang; Gureckas; Rubenstein; Weller and Welt being absent) the item was tabled to a future meeting.

14. Monthly update report on Transportation Committee and by Access Services (ASI)

Kurt C. Hagen summarized his written report of the Access Services' June 30, 2010 Board of Directors meeting and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Louis Burns, Customer Support Administrator and Geetu Banerjee of Access Services responded to questions posed by the Commission and members of the public. Several members of the public were referred to Mr. Burns to try and resolve some of their issues that have yet to be resolved.

After discussion, Mr. Hagen and members of Access Services were requested to report back at the July meeting regarding the appeals process, the differences on coverage and clarification on what is a Disadvantage Business Enterprise. Mr. Hagen's written report was received and filed with the Commission.

[\(Supporting Document\)](#)

15. Monthly update report by Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO).

By Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was continued to the meeting of July 21, 2010.

III. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

16. Discussion on County disabled placard abuse fees and fine collections.

Following discussion, the Commission requested to invite the Board of Supervisors or the Sheriff's Department to a future Commission meeting to address disabled parking placard abuse fees and fines.

17. Presentation by the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation on enforcement and confiscations of fraudulent use of disabled placards.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was continued to the meeting of August 18, 2010. The staff was instructed to schedule reports by the City Department of Transportation on a quarterly basis and invite the Chief from the Department of Transportation to the August meeting.

IV. MISCELLEANEOUS

18. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and placed for discussion/action at a future meeting of the Commission.
- 18A. Report by Access Services at the meeting of July 21, 2010 regarding the appeals process, the differences on coverage and clarification on what is a Disadvantage Business Enterprise.

Public Comment

Linda Block, Daniel Garcia, Mei Lim, Rodolfo Mendez and Blanca Lidia Poreimo addressed the Commission.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 3:02 p.m.